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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR LIEN PRAVONGVIENGKHAM AS NEW
LAO AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

1. CONFIDENTIAL NOTE NO. 60/AE/PROT DATED SEPTEMBER 12,
1975, FROM PGNU MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, READS IN
TRANSLATION AS FOLLOWS:

" MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
OF NATIONAL UNION OF LAOS PRESENTES ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS
THE HONOR TO INFORM IT THAT THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT PROPOSES
TO NAME PHAGNA LIEN PRAVONGVIENGKHAM AS AMBASSADOR
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF LAOS TO THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA REPLACING PHAGNA KHAMPHAN PANYA.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE
EMBASSY WOULD KINDLY INFORM IT IF THIS DESIGNATION
RECEIVES THE AGREEMENT OF ITS GOVERNMENT.

ATTACHED IS THE CURRICULUM VITAE OF PHAGNA LIEN
PRAVONGVIENGKHAM.

IN SINCERELY THANKS THE EMBASSY IN ADVANCE FOR ITS
KIND SERVICE, THE MINISTRY TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW
THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGH CONSIDERATION."

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2. "CURRICULUM VITAE OF PHAGNA LIEN PRAVONGVIENGKHAM.

- BORN AT SAM NEUA (PROVINCE OF HOUA PHAN) MARCH 4, 1929.
- MARRIED IN 1956 TO NANG BOUN HUONG PHANARETH - FOUR CHILDREN.
- PRIMARY AND COMPLEMENTARY STUDIES AT SAM NEUA UNTIL 1942.
- SECONDARY STUDIES IN THE "COLLEGE" AND LYCEE
PAVIE AT VIENTIANE UNTIL 1950.

- PHARMACEUTICAL STUDIES AT THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY IN PARIS
UNTIL 1954;

- CONTINUED HIS HIGHER STUDIES AT THE FACULTY OF LAW IN
PARIS WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS LAW DEGREE IN 1958.

- DURING HIS HIGHER STUDIES IN FRANCE, HE WAS FOR TWO
SUCCESSIVE SCHOOL YEARS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF LAO STUDENTS IN FRANCE (1953-1954 AND 1954-1955).

ADMINISTRATIVE CAREER

- BEGAN HIS ADMINISTRATIVE CAREER IN THE OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL (OF MINISTERS) IN DECEMBER 1958.

- SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FROM JUNE
1959 TO APRIL 1964. IN THIS POST HE SERVED THE FOLLOWING
HEADS OF GOVERNMENT: PHOU SANANIKONE, KOU ABHAY, TIAO
SOMSANITH, TIAO BOUN OUM NA CHAMPASSAK, HIS HIGHNESS PRINCE
SOUVANNA PHOUMA.

- ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN 1962.

- COUNSELOR OF THE ROYAL EMBASSY OF LAOS IN WASHINGTON,
D.C., FROM APRIL 1964 TO JUNE 1967.

- SECRETARY OF STATE FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS FROM JUNE 1967
TO OCTOBER 1972.

- AMBASSADOR OF LAOS IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
SINCE NOVEMBER 1972.

HONORS

- KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF THE MISSIO ELEPHANTS AND THE
WHITE PARASOL

- ORDER OF THE REIGN IN SILVER OF HIS MAJESTY
SISAVANG VONG (1961).

- OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE MILLION ELEPHANTS AND THE
WHITE PARASOL.

- ORDER OF THE REIGN IN SILVER OF HIS MAJESTY SRI
SAVANG VATTHANA

- MEDAL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (1972)

HONORARY TITLE:

PHAGNA RATTANA VONGSA (1968)".

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